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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FRG INVITATION TO INTER-PARLIAMENTARY

UNION DELEGATES TO VISIT BERLIN

REFS: (A) BONN 4767 AND PREVIOUS

(B) BONN 3597

1. AT THE MARCH 21 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) INFORMED US THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAD PLANNED TO TAKE UP AT A HIGH LEVEL WITH THE BUNDESTAG THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE REPORTED PLAN TO INVITE DELEGATES TO THE IPU MEETING IN BONN TO VISIT BERLIN (REF B). THIS HAS PROVEN NOT TO BE NECESSARY, HOWEVER, SINCE THE FOREIGN OFFICE FIRST DISCUSSED THE QUESTION AT A LOWER LEVEL AND WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THAT THE PRESIDIUM OF THE BUNDESTAG, PRESUMABLY AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE LOWER-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS, HAS DECIDED THAT NO SUCH INVITATION WILL BE EXTENDED TO IPU DELEGATES BEFORE THEY ARRIVE IN BONN. BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES WILL INQUIRE ON A PERSONAL BASIS WHETHER DELEGATES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING BERLIN. IF, DURING THE MEETING, INDIVIDUAL DELEGATES

EXPRESS A DESIRE TO VISIT BERLIN, THIS WILL BE ARRANGED ON A PRIVATE AND PERSONAL BASIS. VISITING DELEGATES WILL ALSO BE OFFERED TRIPS TO MUNICH AND HAMBURG.

2. THE ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS WELCOMED THIS RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. THE BRITISH REP TOLD US AND THE FRENCH THAT THE FCO HAD ALREADY EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO A FORMAL INVITATION TO THE IPU DELEGATES. HE DID NOT MENTION THIS TO THE FRG IN THE BONN GROUP. STOESSEL

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